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Horns of plenty

MUSICIAN Second Class Bob Gaffney, Navy Band Northeast, and Gretchen Landry of Cranston-Calvert School in Newport play a piece together on their euphoniums in the band's rehearsal room Wednesday in Building 348. Cranston-Calvert and Sheffield School music students visit the band each year in an informal music education partnership.

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Military women due for tribute

Rear Adm. Barbara McGann, Provost of the Naval War College, will be the keynote speaker at 'A Salute to R. I. Military Women' in Warwick.

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Tech Expo at NAVSTA

Naval Station Newport first Technology Expo draws small and large companies eager for Navy contracts.

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Navy blue joins Irish

Navy Newport representatives stir plenty of patriotism at last Saturday's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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Banquet to salute women of military

WARWICK — Rear Adm. Barbara McGann, Provost, Naval War College, will be guest speaker for "A Salute to R.I. Military Women" on Sunday, April 28, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

The gala tribute recognizes all Rhode Island women who have served, or are serving in the active, reserve and National Guard forces, including those women who may be stationed here from other areas.

The event is being sponsored by the R.I. Department of the Reserve Officers Association, the R.I. National Guard and various veteran and military association

groups and societies.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the R.I. Women Veterans Memorial Project Committee, headed up by Lt. Col. Jeannine Vachon RIARNG, to build a monument to R.I. women who have served/continue to serve to protect our country and state.

Retired Lt. Col. Dennis Morgan, the event's planning committee chair, said this tribute is long overdue since women have played an integral part in the U.S. military since the Revolutionary War. It also provides an opportunity to show American service

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REAR ADM. BARBARA MCGANN, Provost of the Naval War College, meets with the Secretary of the Navy Gordon England at McCarty-Little Hall recently. McGann will be the keynote speaker at 'A Salute to R.I. Military Women' on April 28.

Fund drive benefits Sailors and Marines

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society's active duty fund drive kicked off on March 1 with a goal to reach all hands in the Narragansett Bay area, said Dan Brenton, Director, NMCRS Newport.

Proceeds from the annual Navy-wide fundraiser assists Sailors and Marines and their families in time of need or crisis. This could include emergency transportation, medical and dental expenses, car repairs or funeral expenses.

The regional coordinator for the 2002 fund drive is Lt. Kurt Phoel who can be reached at (401) 841-2579. Commands are urged to sponsor fundraisers during the drive under established guidelines.

"Our fund drive covers all of Rhode Island, southeastern Massachusetts and southern Vermont," Brenton said.

NMCRS Newport can help a servicemember or new family out with Thrift Shop uniforms, clothing, or household items, and the Food Locker can help make ends meet if personal budget problems stretch the monthly paycheck too thin, he said.

Last year the fund drive generated nearly \$60,000 in this area. All proceeds from the active duty fund drive are distributed directly to NMCRS clients primarily in the form of interest-free loans or grants. Direct assistance in the area last year totaled nearly \$84,000.

A small to moderate contribution by allotment (\$2 to \$5) by every active duty Sailor or Marine is all that is needed to make a very successful fund drive. The drive ends March 31.

Jazz trumpet concert Sunday

By KATE WHIDDEN
Navalog contributor

Navy Band Northeast will continue its Spring Recital Series with a jazz trumpet recital by Musician Third Class Jason Hanna on Sunday, March 24 at 3 p.m. in Pringle Auditorium.

Musician Second Class Tony Grizzell will perform in the Spruance Auditorium Lobby on Sun-

day, April 7, at 3 p.m.

Chief Musician Heidi Willson will provide a selection of Broadway tunes on Sunday, April 14, at 3 p.m. in the Pringle Auditorium.

A classical trombone performance by Musician Second Class Jonathan Ward is scheduled for Sunday, April 28 at 3 p.m. at the Pringle Auditorium.

The final performance, the "Armed Forces Day Concert," will

take place on Sunday, May 19, in the Spruance Auditorium at 3 p.m.

All Navy Band Northeast Spring recital concerts are free and open to the public. Guests should enter the complex through Gate One.

Members of the public who do not have a pass to gain entrance to the Naval Station can call 841-3538 to make reservations for the concerts.

NUWC digital image enhancement helping detect breast cancer earlier

By GARY A. STEIGERWALD
NUWC Newport PAO

A Sailor trying to find mines in a cluttered underwater sonar environment faces the same challenges as a physician in detecting small cancerous lesions in mammograms of dense breast tissue.

Both searches can benefit from digital image enhancement. Knowing this, an engineer at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC), Division Newport, has developed and demonstrated a digital image enhancement which uses wavelets, a method of representing and building images with mathematical functions that serve as building blocks, to represent data.

Applying the digital image enhancement allows small objects to be found in a large complex area.

Under a patent license agreement for Patent Application 09/749,493 "Method for Optimizing Visual Display of Enhanced

Digital Images" and a three-way Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA), the Newport research center is transferring Navy technology to the medical community.

A new small business, Advanced Image Enhancement, Inc. (AIE) of Providence, has been formed to commercialize the technology. The Slater Center for Interactive Technologies, a non-profit organization established by the State to foster economic development, provided seed money and business aid to AIE, as well as CRADA funds to Division Newport, to support the effort.

Breast cancer is a leading cause of cancer death in women, second only to lung cancer. With an estimated 192,000 new breast cancer cases diagnosed by the end of this year and an estimated total of 40,000 lives taken, due to

breast cancer in 2001 alone, the statistics are staggering.

Early detection is key in the survivor rate, however, the reading and interpretation of mammograms is difficult. Small lesions, representing early cancer, are often missed when radiologists examine a patient's mammogram. This technology would enhance the physician's ability to detect these microcalcifications, catching the cancer at an earlier stage than previously possible.

This earlier detection would improve the patient's chance of survival, and allow less invasive treatment options.

The Digital Image Enhancement detects and localizes targets in a cluttered environment, providing improved recognition of an object. The object could be a

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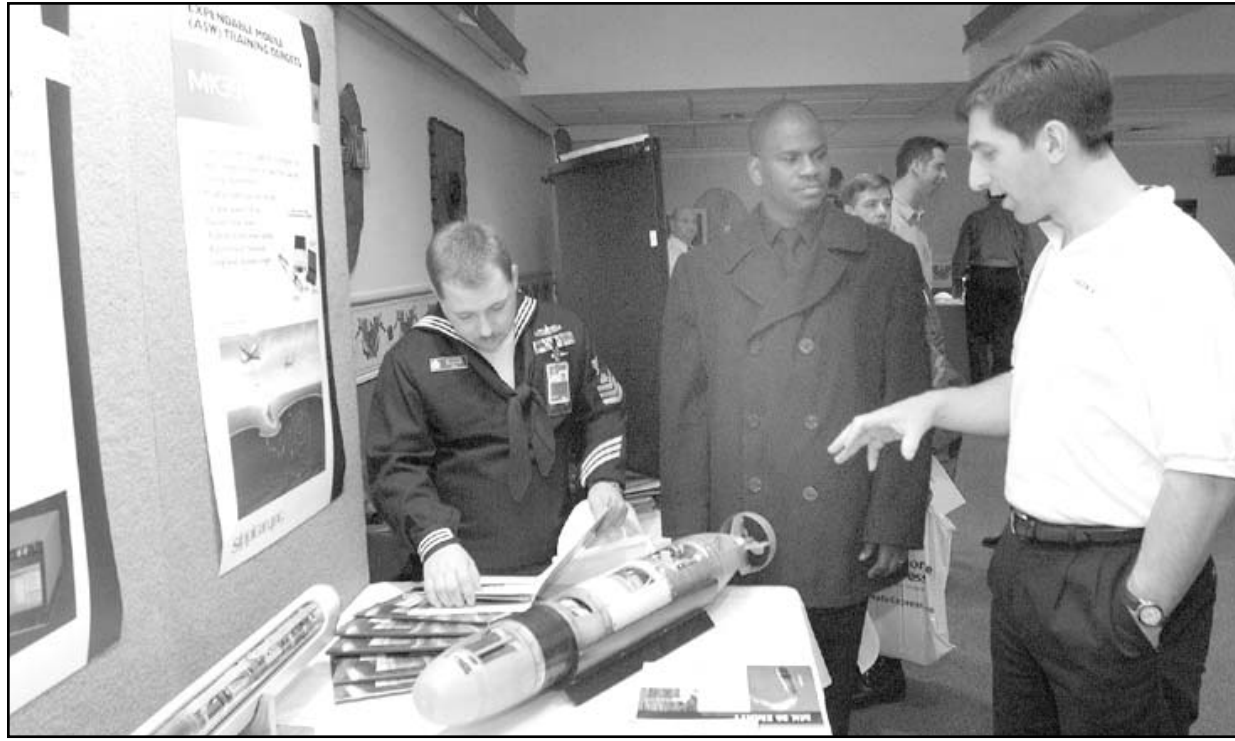
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WILLIAM STARK, right, manager for business development for underwater vehicles division at Sippican, Inc., of Marion, Mass., explains the MK 39 EMATT underwater target to Information Technician First Class (SW) Jay Foster, left, and Operations Specialist First Class Byron Parker at the Naval Station Newport Information Technology Expo at Building 656 last week.

Technology Expo exhibitors showcase their new products

By RICHARD ALEXANDER
Navalog editor

For at least a few hours last week, the Enlisted Lounges at the Recreation Center was transformed into a showplace for new technology.

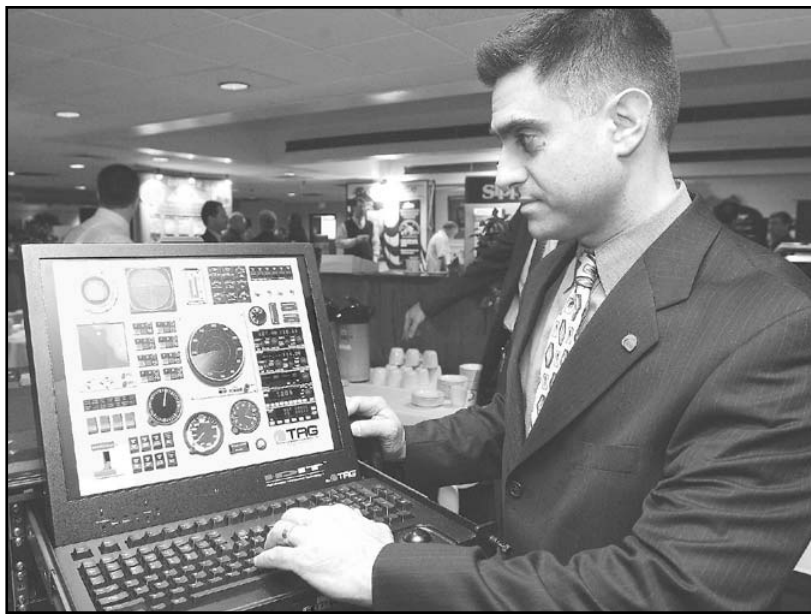
The Naval Station Newport Information Technology Exposition on March 12 drew about 16 businesses eager to show the Navy their products and services. Exhibitors ranged from the familiar, such as Apple and Dell Computers, to the unfamiliar, such as Tarantell, Inc. of Ashburn, Va., and APW-Wrightline, Inc. of Worcester, Mass.

The show was moved to the Naval Station this year from its usual site at Building 80, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport.

Mark A. Gable, assistant events manager for the Federal Business Council, Inc., in Maryland, said the exposition provides an informal setting where Defense Department personnel can check out what the industry is doing, and how it relates to their projects. His company does 200 expos a year.

Some exhibitors already have Navy contracts, and others are trying to break in. It can be difficult for the newcomers, he said.

"It hopefully gets the buyers and sellers together," Gable said. "We're really targeting the acquisition and procurement people, the informational technology program managers, and technical directors."



JODY ESPOSITO, business development manager, with Technology Advancement Group, Inc., adjusts the screen saver on one of the company's high-end computers for shipboard and submarine use.

A veteran Navy contractor, Sippican, Inc., of Marion, Mass., was promoting its expendable, mobile, anti-submarine warfare (ASW) training target, the MK 39 EMATT. The 36-inch device looks like a miniature torpedo and can be programmed to take several different courses under water. It is designed to train ship and submarine sonarmen to track contacts.

"It's aircraft deployed, and can cruise around under water for about three hours," said James M. Hannon, marketing manager for oceanographic products. "It is relatively inexpensive — about \$4,000 — and when it's used up, it just falls to the bottom of the ocean."

Hannon said about 10,000 have been built so far. His expo partner, William Stark, manager of business development, said Sippican has been a defense contractor for years, but the expo just offers an opportunity to keep in touch with their Navy customers.

Other exhibitors included Analytical Graphics, Inc., of Malvern, Pa.; Calculex, Inc. of Dayton, Ohio; and Corporate Express of Norwood, Mass.

Products ranged from ergonomic office furniture, to flat panel monitors, computer hardware and software, plus office stationery and durable and space-saving shipboard computers.

Newport Naval Cable TV

CNO, Commandant address Congress

Navy and Marine Corps News airs daily at 8:30 a.m., noon and 5:30 p.m. on channel 11. Look for the following stories and more on this week's Navy/Marine Corps News show:

— The Chief of Naval Operations and Commandant of the Marine Corps go before Congress to discuss the needs of the Navy and Marine Corps.

— Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld hosts a televised town hall style meeting at the Pentagon.

— Sailors and Marines of USS Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group return home with stories of pride and accomplishment.

Center and the Health Promotion Action Council education and wellness programs are now offered on Newport Naval Cable Television channel 13, Monday through Thursday, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Fleet and Family Support

Parents and teenagers may be interested in the Fleet and Family Support Support Center video series. These programs deal with a variety of topics which are of interest to children of all ages families.

The programs air daily on channel 11 at 10 a.m., 1 and 7 p.m. The weekly schedule is displayed below.

DAY	TITLE
Friday through Sunday	Reclaiming Your Pre-School Self
Monday	Reclaiming Your School Age Self
Tuesday	Championing—New Permissions
Wednesday	Championing—Protection and Patience
Thursday	The Wonder Child

Go Navy, chart your future

This week on Newport Naval Cable Television see the Navy's latest Accelerate Your Life 12-minute informational video on channel 11 at 8:13 and 11:43 a.m., and 5:13 p.m. It may help you decide your future.

After the video, watch the seven-minute feature, "Teamwork in Action: Navy and NASCAR."

History of naval warfare

This week's featured video, The History of the U.S. Navy, The Cold War Navy 1945-1964, at 9 a.m., and 1 and 6 p.m.

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SHARON ROME, right, attending the Spouse Course at Command Leadership School, Perry Hall, accepts a Meritorious Public Service Award from Capt. Ruth A. Cooper, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport, for her work with the 2000 Festival of Trees fundraiser for civilian and military charities. Mrs. Rome was one of three co-chairmen of the Christmas in Newport event.

Navy Commendation

HMC B. R. Gibney, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

HM1 L. D. Caparas, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

Navy Achievement Medal

Lt. C. R. Replogle, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

HM2 J. A. Kendrick, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

HM3 P. J. Raisanen, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

Flag Letter of Commendation

HM2 C. W. Watts, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

HN J. C. Torres, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

Letter of Appreciation

Cmdr. P. M. Culver, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

Lt. J. K. Rigsbee, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

Lt. j.g. J. P. Conza, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

HM2 M. Ferrer, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

HM3 Serrano, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

HM3 C. E. Gilbert, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

HN1 B. Calhoun, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

HN1 J. M. Harrison, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

Good Conduct Medal

HMCM J. E. Parhurst, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

HMCS D. L. Earsing, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

HMC A. R. Whitt, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

MMC M. W. Jones, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

HM1 A. E. McRoberts, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

HM1 J. A. Jamero, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

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HM3 J. S. Yeager, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

HM3 L. D. Shaw, Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport, March 6, 2002.

Junior Sailor of Quarter named

By JOY CHRISTMAS

NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

With special recognition, Electronics Technician Second Class Nicole A. Smith of the Surface Warfare Officers School Command (SWOSCOLCOM) has been selected as Junior Sailor of the Quarter for the period Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 2001 for Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport.

An instructor/technician at Department Head School at SWOSCOLCOM, Petty Officer Smith was attending the Auxiliary

Security Force Training Academy the day of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 and immediately assumed duties as a member of the ASF gate guard team upon completion.

For the following five months, she consistently set forth superior performance in support of the command's heightened security measures. Her professionalism and attention to detail resulted in the detection of numerous concealed

weapon violations and undercarriage wiring discrepancies as possible use as improvised explosive

devices.

As a further mission asset, Petty Officer Smith worked diligently extend her security capabilities to include qualification as a small boat coxswain.

Petty officer Smith's initiative and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Navy, the command said.

A native of Covina, Calif., Petty Officer Smith entered the Navy in July 1998. Following basic training and Electronics Technician "A" School at Great Lakes, Ill., she completed SPA 49 Radar "C" School in San Diego, Calif.

Petty Officer reported to SWOS SMITH, Page 13



ET2 Smith

Top civilian of quarter commended

Mrs. Donna O'Brien was selected the Senior Civilian of the Quarter at the Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport for the period Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 2001, for commendable achievement in the superior performance of her duties. She is assigned as the cancer case manager.

The command said Mrs. O'Brien consistently performed her duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

"Her dedication and commitment to patients and their loved ones is nothing short of out O'BRIEN, Page 13

NACC honors junior civilian

Joey Bryan was selected as the Junior Civilian of the Quarter for the period Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 2001, at the Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport for outstanding performance of duty while assigned as the comprehensive health care system (CHCS) computer assistant.

The command said Mr. Bryan consistently performed his duties in a highly exemplary and professional manner and is well deserving of this award.

"His commitment to the responsibility of maintaining data quality in the CHCS proved BRYAN, Page 13



J. Bryan

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Assistance

Survive your teenagers

MIDDLETOWN —Why do adolescents behave the way they do? Why do they talk, act and dress that way? What every happened to that sweet innocent child you used to know and love?

The answers to these and other questions about adolescence will be addressed at a free seminar for parents called "Surviving Adolescence" on Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at St. Lucy's Church. The seminar is sponsored by Stopover Services, a youth and family service agency in Middletown.

The program will focus on understanding "normal" adolescent behavior, how to identify problem behaviors and positive steps parents can take to improve their relationships with their teenage child.

For more information, call 848-0758.

Experienced cook wanted

Come cook with us at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Community/Recreation Center, Building 656! If you are looking for some extra money, we're looking for your skills.

We will work around your duty schedule and are currently accepting applications for positions in our busy kitchen, paying over \$8.50 per hour!

Interested? Apply in person at Building 656.

(Applicants must have one year remaining on-board.)

Share your love of sailing

The Coasters' Harbor Navy Yacht Club (CHNYC) is looking for a few good sailing instructors! All you need is the ability to sail (handling a Rhodes 19 or similar keel or centerboard sloop rigged boat) and the desire to share that ability with others.

The Basic Sail Training Program course of instruction is based on a local Naval Station Newport/Narragansett Bay Qualification. No special qualifications, i.e., US Sailing or USNSA, are required of the volunteer instructors.

Although there is no pay involved MWR will provide "sail training credits" — an hour's credit for every two hours of training. You can use the credits when you check out a recreational boat for your personal sailing pleasure (for up to 50 percent of the fee incurred).

Ask about additional CHNYC incentives.

Interested? Attend an information session, on April 23, 24 or 25 from 6 to 7 p.m. in Building 18, or contact Jim Gilmore, CHNYC Commodore, home phone 849-4044, or email jgilmore@lifspan.org.

Tax preparation service offered

Federal income tax preparation assistance and electronic filing is available by appointment through the Naval Legal Service Office through April 15.

This is a free service for active duty military members, retired military members, and dependents of active duty or retired military members. Appointments for all personnel will be available at the NLSO, but some appointments will also be available at remote tax centers at Surface Warfare Officers School and the Naval Ambulatory Care Center for personnel assigned to those commands.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, contact the NLSO at 841-3766 ext. 200.

Special events

ASYMCA/MWR Easter Egg Hunt

Children age 7 and under of active duty military members are invited to participate in the ASYMCA/MWR Easter Egg Hunt on March 30 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Recreation Center, Building 656.

This free, fun-filled family event will feature egg hunts in three age groups: 2 and under, 3 to 4, and 5 to 7 with terrific prizes awarded for each egg found! There are so many prizes that everyone will leave with something! There will be children's activities and refreshments available as well.

Mark your calendar today so you don't miss this terrific family event! Call Sonya Sloan McGough at the ASYMCA at 846-9622 or the MWR Publicity Office at 841-4992 for more information.

Girl Scout cookie sales

Aquidneck Island Girl Scout Troops 706 and 751 will be selling cookies at the Newport Commissary and at the Navy Exchange on March 23 and 24.

Shoppers are welcome to come buy and support the scouts, and enjoy the once-a-year experience of Girl Scout cookies.

There are new varieties as well as your old favorites this year.

Announcements

Physical security training

Mandatory Physical Security Education Training (PSET) will be held March 27 from 9 to 10 a.m. in Perry Hall Auditorium.

The subjects to be covered are bomb threats and bomb threat management.

Military personnel are invited to attend as this training is beneficial to all. You do not need to attend if you have already received this training.

Other dates for this training will be scheduled and posted throughout the upcoming months.

For further information or questions contact Lenny Coleman at the Physical Security Office at 841-1024

Gym 109 to secure March 26

Gym 109 will be secured, weather permitting,

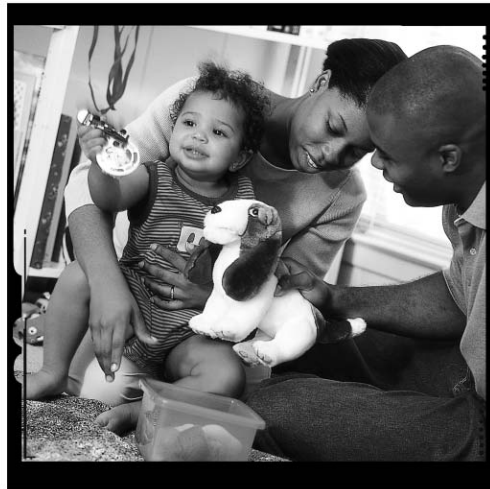
from about 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, for installation of three new roof top ventilation units. If the weather is inclement, the work will be done on Wednesday, March 27. MWR apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause our patrons as we continue to upgrade the Gym 109 facility.

FITNESS Plus, located in Building 355 is open from 5 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Live local weather reports posted

The Naval Training Meteorology and Oceanography Detachment (NTMOD) at the Naval War College (NWC) is now reporting live weather conditions at NWC via the Internet, Aerographer's Mate First Class (AW/SW) Sammy J. Brake, Master Training Specialist/Forecaster, said.

Visit the website at www.nwc.navy.mil/weather.



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What's going on

Volleyball shapes up

If you're looking to get out, socialize and get in some exercise, sign up for NAVSTA Intramural Volleyball League that begins Monday, March 25. All Active duty, retirees, reservists, dependents and DoD civilians are welcome to participate.

Matches will be played Monday through Friday at 5:15, 6:15 and 7:15 p.m. on court 2 at Gym 109.

There is a \$100 refundable forfeit fee and a \$15 for civilian fee. Only three DoD civilians are permitted per team. All teams must have shirts with numbers by the first game.

Interested parties may register at Gym 109 through April 8. For more information, call Jim Gauch at 841-3154.

TODAY, March 22

• "Destroyers 100 Years" exhibit continues through November, Naval War College Museum, featuring Ship models, murals, memorabilia, video presentation. Call 841-4052 for more information.

• Armed Services YMCA:

—Fitness Hour, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

—Scrapbooking, 6 p.m. to midnight. Create beautiful memories with you snapshots. \$10 for beginners/\$5 to crop.

— Parents' Time Out, 3 to 6 p.m. Bring your child(ren) 18 months and older to the "Y" while you run errands or enjoy some time to yourself. \$10 for the first child, then \$5 each additional child.

• Fitness Walk and Tone," 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Gym 109. New program designed for patrons age 50 and up. Class consists of stretching, muscle toning exercises and a 20-plus minutes of fitness walking around the gymnasium. Classes will be held Monday and Thursday. Cost is \$5 for five weeks! For more information, call the fitness staff at 841-3154.

• Lunchtime Bingo, noon to 1 p.m. at the Recreation Center, Building 656! New game every 10 minutes. Cost is \$1 each (three cards on a strip) Winners receive \$30 cash prizes! Jackpot coverall game starts 12:30 p.m. Win \$500 if a coverall Bingo is called within the first 50 Bingo numbers! If no winner, game continues until Bingo is called. Winner will win \$100, and \$10 and another number is added to next week's jackpot game. Also Thursdays.

• Movies at Recreation Center, Building 656. Shown all week upon request 5 p.m. to closing. K-Pax (PG13), The Musketeer (PG13), Ocean's Eleven (R). Other movies are available and may be shown upon request.

• Fitness Equipment Orientation for proper/safe use of Nautilus equipment, cardiovascular machines and the free weights, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8, 9 and 10 a.m., FITNESS Plus,



CALLING ALL SPIKERS— The Intramural Volleyball League begins Monday, March 25. Matches will be played Monday through Friday at Gym 109. Players may register through April 8. For more information, call Jim Gauch at 841-3154.

Building 355. Monday, 8 a.m., Nautilus (upper body), 9 a.m.; Nautilus (lower body), 10 a.m., cardio/free weights; Wednesday, 8 a.m., Nautilus (lower body), 9 a.m., cardio/free weights, 10 a.m., Nautilus (upper body); Friday, 8 a.m., cardio/free weights; 9 a.m., Nautilus (upper body); 10 a.m., Nautilus (lower body). For more information, please visit or call FITNESS Plus at 841-1474.

SATURDAY, March 23

• Kindermusik at Armed Services YMCA, spring semester runs every Saturday through June 8, for newborns to age 5. Call Terriann Lane at 846-1331.

SUNDAY, March 24

• Chapel of Hope worship services: —Catholic mass, 9 a.m. and noon. — Protestant Services, 8 and 10:30 a.m.

• Sunday Bowling, \$7 per hour, Seaview Bowling Lanes, Building 656. Gather your friends or family and head over for hours of fun every Sunday. Shoe rental is free for children under 12 and bumper bowling available, making this Sunday outing affordable for everyone! Two-person minimum per lane. In addition, the bowling center also has two pool tables, video games and cable TV for your favorite programs or sporting events. For more information, call the Bowling Center at 841-4293.

MONDAY, March 25

• Armed Services YMCA:

— Fitness Hour, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

— Easter Basket Craft Project, 11 a.m. to noon. Make and decorate your own Easter Basket \$5 per child. — Kids Sewing No. 1, 4 to 5:30 p.m. A basic sewing class for ages 7 and up. \$48 for four 1 1/2-hour or three 2-hour classes, or \$36 for three 1 1/2-hour sessions. Pre-registration and payment required. Call 846-9622.

—Adult Beginner Sewing No. 4, noon

to 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, March 26

• Armed Services YMCA:

— Fitness Hour, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

—Tumbling Tots, 11 a.m. to noon. Move you body, test your coordination on the balance beam and tumble across the floor. \$5 per child.

—Stamp-a-Rama, 9 a.m. to noon. Learn to make beautiful gifts and greeting cards. \$10 to make up to three projects or \$5 to stamp.

— Messy Fingers and Toes, 11 a.m. to noon - Have fun dying and decorating Easter eggs. \$5 each child.

— Adult Beginner Graduate Sewing No. 3, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. — Make a beautiful bathrobe for yourself or as a gift. Tasks include how to apply a band, patch pockets and belt loops. \$32 per person.

• Fitness Walk and Tone," 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Gym 109. New program designed for patrons age 50 and up. Class consists of stretching, muscle toning exercises and a 20-plus minutes of fitness walking around the gymnasium. Classes will be held Monday and Thursday. Cost is \$5 for five weeks! For more information, call the fitness staff at 841-3154.

• Free movies at Officers' Club, 6 p.m., Domestic Disturbance (PG13); 8 p.m., Heist (R).

WEDNESDAY, March 27

• Armed Services YMCA:

— Parents Time Out, 9 a.m. to noon. Bring your child(ren) ages 18 months and older to the "Y" while you run errands or enjoy some time for yourself. \$10 for the first child, then \$5 each additional child.

— Kids Sewing No. 1, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Kids ages 7 and older learn the basics of sewing. \$48 for four 1-1/2 hour classes; three 2-hour classes; or \$36 for three 1 1/2-hour classes. Call 846-9622.

THURSDAY, March 28

• Armed Services YMCA:

— Fitness Hour, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

— Knitting, 10 a.m. to noon.; Learn to make beautiful hand-knitted items

— Easter Parade and Egg Hunt, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Join your friends for some Easter fun at the "Y." \$7 per child.

— Kids Sewing No. 1, 2:30 to 4 p.m., and 4 to 5:30 p.m.

— Adult Beginner Sewing No. 4, 6 to 9 p.m.

• Homebuyers Workshop, 7 to 9 p.m., Fleet and Family Support Center. Learn about mortgage qualifications and other financial options from a representative of the NFCU.

Upcoming:

March 30 — ASYMCA/MWR Easter Eggs Hunt, 10 a.m., Recreation Center, Building 656. Free and open to Children ages 7 and under of active duty military personnel. Festivities include three egg hunts (ages 2 and under; 3 to 4; and 5 to 7) with prizes awarded for each egg found, plus various other children's activities, prizes and refreshments. Call 846-9622 or 841-4992 for more information.

March 31 — Easter Day.

April 13 — 60th annual Newport Area Seabee Birthday Ball, 6 p.m., Officers' Club.



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Fleet and Family Support Center

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Come to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Thursday, March 28, from 7 to 9 p.m., and meet with a representative from the Navy Federal Credit Union to hear first-hand about qualifications for mortgages and other financial options.

Our Homebuyers Workshop will offer information for all areas of the United States.

Registration is required. Call 841-2283.

Checkbook Balancing Workshop— A representative from the Navy Federal Credit Union will provide you with the "ins and outs" of checkbook balancing at the Fleet and Family Support Center on Thursday, April 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The workshop

also will feature information on automatic teller machine transactions, VISA Debit transactions, check holds and returned check charges and fees.

For information and to register for this workshop, call 841-2283.

Relationship Enhancement

— The Fleet and Family Support Center is conducting a workshop for individuals and couples who would like to learn some proven ways to improve communication in their personal relationships. The five-session workshop begins Tuesday, April 23, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Call 841-2283 to register.

Stress Management 101 —

Stress Management 101 is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Fleet and Family Support Center. If you sometimes have problems coping with day-to-day situations, or just need some relief from stress on the job or at home, then this workshop is for you. Learn how to assess your stress level, increase stress relief skills to avoid burnout, and learn how to regain control of stressful situations.

Call 841-2283 to register.



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THIS IS SPRING! — Midshipman Candidate David Pickett, Naval Academy Prep School, trudges through last Monday's snowfall on the way to class in Perry Hall as winter in New England lingers on. The first day of spring was Wednesday.

Public Works launches Navy energy use website

The Public Works Department Energy Program has recently developed a web page as a tool to increase energy awareness for personnel working and living at facilities at Naval Station Newport.

"Energy for our Future" was designed to educate consumers about energy consumption and costs and to demonstrate the importance of energy conservation.

Jim Carlson, Naval Station Newport energy engineer, said the website currently is a starting point for the department.

"We plan to advertise upcoming events that we sponsor, such as 'EnergyWeek' this fall," he said. "The main goal is to increase

awareness and give information on energy conservation."

The web page includes links to sites such as the "Alliance to Save Energy" page with information oriented toward conservation, including residential uses.

The energy department site also includes "The Navy Energy" homepage containing a variety of information about energy usage and conservation programs Navy-wide. Also included is a link to the Department of Energy's Efficiency and Renewable Energy Network and a section where website visitors can submit energy ideas that they feel will benefit the area.

To visit the site, go to http://navstawei/Code_40/40/Energy.htm

Retirees Seminar moves to Warwick

WARWICK— The 30th annual Retired Military Personnel Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, at the Crown Plaza Hotel at the Inn at the Crossings.

The seminar, open to all area military retirees and their dependents, will run from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The speaking program begins at 9 a.m., and will feature representatives from several organizations, including the Defense Finance and Accounting

Service; Veterans' Administration; Naval Ambulatory Care Center; Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs; and the Secretary of the Navy Committee on Retired Personnel.

In addition, many organizations will have information booths in the foyer.

For more information, contact Mary K. Silvia, Director, Fleet and Family Support Center, at (401) 841-2283.



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Navy joins Irish march

By JOY CHRISTMAS

NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

An early morning rain and cloudy skies did little to dampen the spirit of Newport's 46th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade last Saturday, drawing thousands of spectators.

The highlight of the month-long Irish Heritage Month celebration, the parade featured more than 80 band and marching units. Among the sea of Celtic green, was a proud showing of Navy blue.

Newport native Rear Adm. Barbara McGann, Provost of the Naval War College, and Cmdr. Jim Cunha, Executive Officer, Naval Station Newport, were among the dignitaries to march and headed the military contingent from Navy Newport.

The six-division parade spiced with Irish lore, included various Irish bag pipe bands and step dancers, fife and drum corps, clowns, high school bands, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) units, scouting organizations, police and fire departments from around the state, military veteran groups and local civic and non-profit organizations.

The 25-member marching Band from Navy Band Northeast played a variety of traditional marches along the course.

It was the third St. Patrick's Day Parade for Musician Second Class Dan Magruder, a trumpet player. "It was great," he said. "We've always gotten a great reception at the parade, but with the swell of public patriotism this year it was overwhelming."

Also stepping the two-mile route was a student IRISH, Page 9



UPPER DECK VIEW — Cameron Badger, Rachel Nichols and Nathan Badger get a car rooftop view as the parade marches by. They were with Gas Systems Turbine Technician First Class Alan Badger.



THE RIGHT STUFF — Marines and Sailors in the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training program's marching unit, pass down America's Cup Avenue in three straight columns.



FAR LEFT: Musician Third Class Gerald Shaffer, drum major, leads Navy Band Newport's 25-member marching band down the parade route.



NEAR LEFT: Naval Ambulatory Care Center Newport color guard member Hospitalman Stephanie Stock carries her banner down Thames Street.



CMDR. TOM MCCOOK, College of Naval Warfare at the Naval War College, sports a green Irish derby on his cheek as he marches with his son in a boy scout troop.

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marching unit and Navy and Marine Corps color guard from the Naval Education and Training Center's Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) program; a color guard from the Naval Ambulatory Care Center (NACC) Newport; and honor guard and police cruiser and ladder truck and fire fighters from the NAVSTA Police and Fire Protection Departments.

The Rhode Island National Guard, 88th Army Band, also participated.

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THE BOOST Navy and Marine Corps color guard leads the school's marching unit.

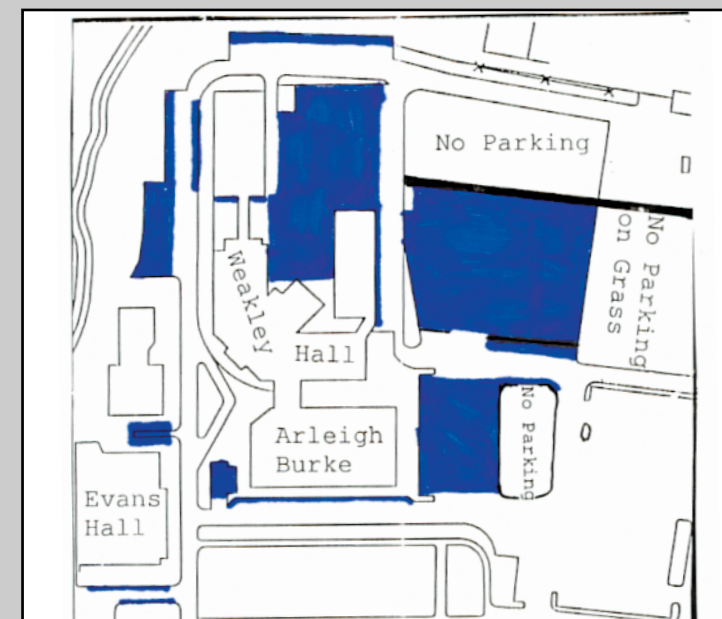


CMDR. JIM CUNHA, left, Executive Officer of Naval Station Newport, waves as he walks with Marine Lt. Col. Shawn Burns, Navy Warfare Development Command.

Coasters' Harbor Island designated parking areas



GREEN: Naval War College parking. Small blue area is Surface Warfare Officers School parking.



BLUE: Surface Warfare Officers School parking.



RED: Combined Bachelor Housing, Gym 109, Harbor Island Conference Center.

THE MAPS ABOVE show where parking is authorized on Coasters' Harbor Island. Green areas are designated for Naval War College use; blue, Surface Warfare Officers School use; and red, Combined Bachelor Housing, Gym 109, the Harbor Island Conference Center, and SWOS student overflow parking. No parking is allowed in the grass areas. These assigned areas may still be restricted from use under current Force Protection measures.

Naval Station Newport Clubs

BINGO is now better

Lunchtime BINGO at the Recreation Center, Building 656 is the place to be every Thursday and Friday. Cover all the numbers on your BINGO card within the designated amount of numbers called and you will win \$500!

If no one wins, play continues until a good BINGO is called, winning that lucky person \$100!

Don't forget, if the jackpot isn't won another \$10 and another number is added for the next week—making the stakes even higher and the prize even richer! You won't want to miss the 12:30 p.m. Jackpot game on either day!

There are still three regular games each day with \$30 prizes for every BINGO called and the Recreation Center serves lunch beginning at 11 a.m., so bring your appetite for delicious food AND winning.

For more information or to order take out, call the Recreation Center at 841-2575.

Officers' Club

Kick off the weekend tonight from 5 to 7 with complimentary hors d'oeuvres in the Topside Pub. This buffet is kept well stocked with a variety of your buffet favorites and a huge selection of beverages.

For more information, call 846-7987.

All hands are invited to join us for a Newport O'Club tradition: the annual Easter Sunday Buffet on Sunday, March 31, beginning at 11 a.m.

The buffet will feature dozens of appetizer and salad bar items, a variety of breads, several main dish selections and more dessert choices than you can imagine.

Bring a camera and take pictures of your children with the Easter bunny! Tickets go on sale at the Officers' Club Gift Shop. Cost is \$24.10 for adults, \$11.45 for children 4 to 12; and free for children 3 and under. Ticket prices include gratuity and all tickets must be purchased in advance. Seating times are available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and must be confirmed at time of ticket purchase. For more information call 846-7987.

The Officers' Club is pleased to present a prime rib feast, featuring succulent, hand-carved choice beef on Saturday, April 27 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for this Meat-lovers feast. Choose your preferred size rib — Cattleman Cut, Queen Cut, or English Cut — and it will be carved to order for you.

This beefy meal also includes grilled honey-lemon chicken, broiled swordfish kabobs over rice pilaf, garlic mashed and twice-baked potatoes, fresh roasted vegetables, and much, much more. Starters include an



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BIG PAYOUT—Hospital Corpsman Third Class Paul Langner, left, receives a oversized check for \$630 from Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department clubs coordinator Ron Kurth after the petty officer won the Bingo jackpot on March 8 at the Recreation Center. Langner is the assistant athletic trainer at Navy Prep. He treated his chief and his wife to dinner.

assortment of warm breads, soup du jour, and a jumbo salad bar. Tickets cost is just \$21.80 for adults, \$5.15 for children 4 to 12, and children 3 and under are free.

Please note—Gratuity is included in ticket prices. For more information, call 846-7987.

Shake-off the winter blues and welcome spring with tickets to a fabulous Shrimp Feast, Friday, April 12 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Officers' Club! Tickets are now on sale for this huge shrimp-lover's event!

Enjoy thick-with-shrimp bisque, salad, and warm dinner rolls before you dig into the all-you-can-eat shrimp buffet featuring shrimp cocktail, baked stuffed shrimp, jumbo shrimp scampi, grilled lemon pepper shrimp, Louisiana BBQ shrimp, three-alarm shrimp, table-served golden-fried split-tail shrimp and more!

Tickets cost \$29.85 for adults, \$11.45 for children (4 to 12), and, as always, children 3 and under are free.

Please note — Gratuity is included in ticket price.

Seating reservations are required and must be made at time of ticket purchase. Call 846-7987 to purchase tickets or for more information.

Recreation Center

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department's Computer Café, located in the Community Recreation Center, Building 656, is now open at 6:30 a.m., giving you even more opportunity to stay connected!

You can send and receive e-mail, surf the web, play games, watch television and enjoy a snack or meal from the Recreation Center kitchen.

The computer center is open seven days a week and computer use is still free, so it's never been so easy or affordable to keep in contact with friends and family!

Current hours of operation are: Monday through Thursday,

6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday, 6:30 a.m. to midnight, Saturday, 11 a.m. to midnight and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Call 841-2194 for more information.

Eat, Drink and Play: The Computer Café at the Recreation Center opens at 6:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, and offers a delicious breakfast menu featuring sandwiches, bagels, croissants and even pancakes—all available for take-out!

Have a little more time? Come on in, sit down for a cup of coffee and eat, drink and play—it's a great way to start your day!

For more information or to place an order, call 841-2575.

Enlisted Lounges

The original reality based show *Survivor* is back at the beach, this time from "paradise" on the island of Marquesas, a distant neighbor of Tahiti in the South Pacific. Watch at the Recreation Center, every Wednesday night starting at 8 p.m. and see who survives. Cast your ballot on who will be the next one "Pitched out of Paradise," by 8:45 p.m. and you could win!

At the conclusion of the show the bartender or manager on duty will begin pulling the ballots. The first correct answer will win!

The winner at the Recreation Center will receive a gift certificate for a fish & chips dinner. You must be present to win and there will be one winner for each episode.

Contests will take place every Thursday through the final episode. Come on out and see if you can outwit, outplay and out-guess your fellow viewers. Call 841-2575 or 841-3054 for more information.

You can still enjoy a complete steak dinner including potato and salad, on Thursdays and fresh, delicious fish and chips on Fridays. Lunch is open to all.

Ticket Connection

We've got your tickets to Bosox!

Take your family out to the ball game with great box seats in Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox. The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department Ticket Connection is pleased to announce the availability of four upper and four lower box seat tickets for each weekend home game of the Boston Red Sox, as well as for Opening Day and the Patriot's Day holiday game. Both boxes are located behind and a little to the left of home plate.

Tickets will go on sale at 9 a.m. tomorrow, at the Ticket Connection, Building 656. Sales will be limited to active duty military personnel only on Saturday (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and Monday March 25, (8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.); a valid military ID must be shown upon purchase.

Commencing Tuesday, March 26, the remaining tickets will be available to all authorized personnel. Tickets must be purchased in multiples of two and will be limited to four tickets per person, per day. Upper box seat tickets are priced at \$59 each; lower box tickets are priced at \$65 each. Phone orders will not be accepted. For more information call 841-3116.

We love New York, and so will you!

There's no city on Earth like the Big Apple and the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department Ticket Connection is going to take you there on Saturday, April 13!

Register at the Ticket Connection, Building 656 or call 841-3116 for more information.

The circus is coming!

Lions and tigers ... and clowns and more of "the greatest show on earth," are coming to the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence! That's right, the Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey Circus is coming and the Ticket Connection, Building 656, has preferred seating for the 11 a.m. show on Saturday, May 4, and the 1 p.m. performance on Sunday, May 5. Tickets cost just \$17 for adults and children ages 3 and older. Tickets must be purchased by April 22 and we reserve the right to limit quantities.

This is a must see event, sure to delight all ages, so don't disappoint your family—buy your tickets today! For more information, call the Ticket Connection at 841-3116.

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Take the winter grime off your car with a visit to the indoor car wash bay at the Auto Skills Shop, Building 304.

For just \$2.50 you can safely wash your vehicle indoors instead of taking it through a potentially paint-damaging automatic car wash. If you just need to clean the inside of your car, make use of the powerful outdoor vacuums. They are available 24-hours a day and make keeping your car's interior clean easy!

For more information, call 841-3026.

Get good gas mileage

A dirty air filter, misaligned wheels and under-inflated tires are among the things that hurt gas mileage. Keeping track of your gas mileage will keep you in tune with your car... when your vehicle begins using more gas it's a sure sign that it needs attention.

Visit the Auto Skills Shop, Building 304 and let us check your car to be sure it's giving you the most mileage for the fewest dollars. The shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 841-3026 for more information.

Gear Rental

Gardening supplies for rent for spring

Maybe it snowed Monday, but spring is just around the corner. If you need help getting your lawn or garden in shape, visit Gear Rental, located in Building 303 and get the tools you need!

Rent a rototiller, and put in that new lawn or garden today! Great selections of gardening tools are also available for rent. Why buy when you can rent at affordable rates right here on base?

For more information, call 841-2568.

Rent gear for skiing

Don't be left out of spring skiing just because you don't have the right equipment! Gear Rental, Building 303, has a complete line of rental skis and snowboards. We also have ladies figure and men's hockey skates.

This winter Gear Rental has added Headliner Ski-Boards, the latest in extreme winter sports. We still offer high quality ski accessories, tuning services and ice skate sharpening for \$3 a pair for military personnel and \$4 for DoD civilians.

Get your gear and have some winter fun in New England! For more information, call 841-2568.

On base movies

Officers' Club—Tuesday, March 26 at 6 p.m., *Domestic Disturbance* (PG13); 8 p.m. *Heist* (R).

Recreation Center—Beginning tonight the following movies will be shown upon request, nightly starting at 5 p.m.: *K-Pax* (PG13), *The Musketeer* (PG13), *Ocean's Eleven* (R). Other movies are available and may be shown upon request.



SCRUB-A-DUB-DUB — Chris Mendoza, whose wife is a student at the Surface Warfare Officers School, washes her Jeep at the Auto Hobby Shop, Building 304.
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CAMERA, ACTION! A Navy-Marine Corps News team of Journalist Second Class Nikki Maxwell, left, and Photographer's Mate Airman Apprentice Jennifer Guest do a feature on the Naval War College Museum during a visit to Navy Newport last week. Among other stories, the team interviewed the Secretary of the Navy at the Senior Enlisted Academy graduation and new selectees in the Seaman-to-Admiral 21 program at the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training program.

Sports

NAPS team heads west

Baseball squad will sightsee, play 10 games in eight days

By LT. CDR. T. ALLVORD
NAPS Baseball Coach

The Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) baseball team will leave today for its second annual spring training trip to California during the school's semester break.

The purpose of the trip is twofold: to escape the New England weather and play some baseball outdoors before beginning the regular season at Mount Ida College on April 2, and then hosting Connecticut College at Cardines Field on April 3 at 4 p.m.

The team will fly directly to San Diego from T.F. Green Airport in Warwick.

The team will stay at Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, the former home of the famous "Top Gun" school. Shortly thereafter the team will go on the road and head for Orange County to take in a boxing match as guests of the Doubletree Hotel.

On Saturday the team begins multiple public appearances and military events, along with 10

games in eight days. The first will be a double header at noon on Saturday against the All-Navy team at MCAS Miramar.

The following morning the team will drive north to face the Los Angeles Dodgers scout team at Holyfield Park in Downey. The doubleheader will begin at 10 a.m. as NAPS will face the former five-year major league veteran pitcher Eric Snow of the San Francisco Giants.

On Monday the team will meet up with an Air Force team from Alaska for an early morning workout at Point Loma Nazarene University. Point Loma athletic director and chairman of the American Baseball Coaches Association, Dr. Carroll Land, once again has offered the use of his facility to the military.

Land, a former Marine has been especially supportive of the Navy and Marine Corps baseball programs in San Diego since the early 1990s, including hosting the Navy vs Marine Corps Baseball Challenge in 1993 and leading the Navy team at Qualcomm Stadium

a couple years later.

On Tuesday the team will be back on the road and head north to Valencia, where they will attend a reception at the College of the Canyons and then have lunch with Valencia Elementary School before joining them in a baseball clinic.

NAPS will then appear at the Valencia High vs. Borroughs contest at 3 p.m. and then cap off the day with a night game against the Southern California Blue Jays at the Hart Sports Complex.

On Wednesday the team will explore Beverly Hills, Sunset Boulevard and Hollywood where they will attend the taping of a new show called *Conspiracy Theory* at Nickelodeon Studios. The Academy Awards presentation of the Oscars is in Hollywood this Sunday.

Thursday will be another busy day in San Diego as they attend a seminar given by "Willy" Driscoll, radio intercept officer for the first Navy "ace" of the Vietnam conflict: Congressman Randall

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Recreation

Intramural volleyball signups

Adults age 18 and over are invited to register for the NAVSTA Intramural Volleyball League that begins Monday, March 25. Matches will be played Monday through Friday at 5:15, 6:15 and 7:15 p.m. on court 2 at Gym 109.

Active duty, retirees, reservists, dependents and DoD civilians are welcome to participate. There is a \$100 refundable forfeit fee and a \$15 DoD civilian fee. Only three DoD civilians are allowed per team. All teams must have shirts with numbers by the first game. Interested parties may register Gym 109 through April 8. For more information, call Jim Gauch at 841-3154.

Spring fling walk/run

Welcome spring with a special "Spring Fling" Run/Walk on Friday, April 5! Come out and join your base mates for a three-mile run and one and a half mile walk that will take you around Coasters' Harbor Island, beginning and ending at Gym 109. This event is open to all active duty, retirees, reserve personnel, DoD civilians and all family members.

Participants under age 18 must have written parental consent (on form available at Gym 109). Refreshments will be provided following the event. Registrations are being accepted at Gym 109 and will also be accepted the day of the race. For more information, call 841-3154.

Bowling center posts spring hours on lanes

Seaview Lanes, located in the Recreation Center, Building 656 is currently operating on the following spring schedule:

Monday, 5 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday to Friday, 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m.

Head over to Seaview Lanes every Sunday for a super bowling special: You and a buddy can bowl for just \$7 an hour from 1 to 7 p.m. It's a fun, affordable way to spend some time together! For more information, call the Bowling Center at 841-4293, during above business hours.

Be a treadmill 'Trek' star

Need to spice up your treadmill workout? Try trekking—a new, total treadmill workout, now available at Fitness Plus! Trekking is a group fitness class set to music, designed for runners, walkers and people of all fitness levels!

This class meets Wednesday mornings from 6 to 7 a.m. and is limited to the first six participants. For more information, contact Fitness Plus at 841-1474.

Try bowling birthday party!

If you are planning your child's birthday party, consider a bowling party at the Seaview Bowling Lanes, Building 656. The lanes are available Saturdays and Sundays, and each party offers reserved lanes with or without bumpers, and a party table with chairs.

Cost is just \$5 for each child, including shoe rental! Party food may be brought in when the Recreation Center kitchen is closed, or, ask about our special child-friendly menu choices. Birthday cake is always allowed! For more information on this and other bowling programs, contact the bowling center manager at 841-4293 after 5 p.m.

Intramural basketball

The Naval Station Newport Intramural Basketball League tournament results, ending March. 15, follow:

Round 4	PWT def. SWOS 148, 61-56
Alpha Squad def. SWOS, 49-43	Round 5
Ducks II def. Bad Boys, 74-70	Bad Boys def. SSP, 60-48
SSP def. NACC, 43-33	SWOS def. PWT, 67-37
	Round 6
	Ducks II def. Alpha Squad, 73-57
	SWOS def. Bad Boys, 70-50

Bryan

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invaluable," the command said.

During this time Bryan assisted in the national enrollment database conversion clean up efforts, resulting in high praise from headquarters for our timeliness in completing the project.

He analyzed and corrected new patient registrations from the contract (a volume of 60 to 200 per day), resulting in more accurate patient files. He conducted several training classes for patient appointment and scheduling and patient registration, receiving

consistently favorable comments from his students.

Working with the CHCS database administrator, Bryan helped develop the following monthly standard reports: records compliance and end of day compliance.

He is an exceptional team player and a highly respected member of the CHCS project team.

He routinely handles the following collateral responsibilities: education officer, safety contact representative, and timekeeper.

O'Brien

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standing."

She is directly responsible for several new and innovative programs created for cancer patients and their families.

The "I Can Cope" cancer support program that Ms. O'Brien initiated became a success, and will now be offered annually.

She is credited with The "Look Good, Feel Better" program that allows cancer patients to get professional help with hair care, skin care, and make-up.

Ms. O'Brien, who works closely with the general surgeons daily, ensures that all necessary paperwork and phone calls are

completed for each patient. She was an integral part of the first Breast Cancer Awareness Day by recruiting patients, organizing patient flow, and ensuring that all necessary follow-up care was obtained.

In addition to her busy work schedule, she has completed a national certification as a cancer case manager and continues to work toward her master's degree.

A Letter of Commendation was presented to O'Brien by the NACC Newport deputy commander, Capt. A.M. Greedan, at an awards ceremony March 6.

Banquet

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men and women who are fighting a long and dangerous war against terrorism.

Rear Adm. McGann will represent women on active duty.

Representing women at the Guard level will be Brig. Gen. Mary Ann Epps, Assistant Adjutant General, Connecticut Air Guard, and the first African American woman to reach that achievement.

Maj. Gen. Donna Barbisch, former chief nurse, 3rd Medical Command, now Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army, will speak to the achievements women have made in the Reserve forces.

Lt. Col. Martha McCally, a R.I. native and the first and highest ranking female fighter pilot, may also attend.

Political and military leaders invited include Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., and Reps. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., and James Langevin, R-R.I.

At the state level, Lt. Gov. Charles Fogarty and Secretary of State Edward Inman III, as well as Maj. Gen. Reginald Centracchio, R.I. Adjutant General and the R.I. Civilian Aide to Secretary of the Army, Maj. Gen. John Ricottilli, are also on the dais.

Lt. Col. Morgan shared this con-

cept, "If you are a woman who has served or is serving in the military this historic event is for you. If you know a woman who fits that criteria, comes from a military family, or is associated with the military in any way, we want you to tell them about it.

"If a member of your family is one, you will want to bring them to be honored."

Dress is semi-formal and dress uniform is optional for active and retired military. Festivities begin with a reception at noon followed by presentation of the colors by an all service, all female color guard led by the Varnum Continentals. A memorial ceremony will follow the *National Anthem*. After a sit-down, three course dinner the speaking program will commence and proceedings will close by 4:30 p.m.

Admission is \$40 per person. Checks, made payable to RIROA, should be sent no later than April 15 to Lt. Col. Dennis Morgan, 432 Buchanan St., Pawtucket, R.I., 02860. For seating purposes, include a note as to what military/veteran/support organization (if any) you belong to. For more information, call Morgan at 724-3913 or e-mail bingo@ids.net.

Images

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mine in a sonar image or a microcalcification in a digital mammogram.

The use of wavelet mathematics makes the method more robust than enhancements previously used and allows the foreign objects to be more readily identified. The technology is meant to be used as an aid to a physician interpreting digital mammograms and does not have the capability to classify a feature extracted from a digital image.

Classification requires a trained radiologist.

As a digital signal-processing expert in NUWC Division Newport's Submarine Electromagnetic Systems Department, Michael Duarte developed the technology after noting the similarities between mine-hunting sonar challenges, and the challenges faced by physicians.

The extensive expertise resident within the division in the areas of sonar detection, localization and classification, and the availability of world-class facilities provided the ideal environment for addressing the problems associated with digital mammography.

As a complement to Duarte's efforts, James Kasischke, NUWC's associate patent counsel, identi-

fied the patent protection avenues available.

He also identified a legal framework for the business opportunities and helped draft the agreements used to establish the formal relationships between the Division, AIE, and the Slater Center.

Two CRADAs and a patent license agreement were used to transfer the digital image enhancement. The first CRADA with Dr. Alan Semine of Faulkner Hospital in Boston, resulted in AIE being formed in 2001.

The Division supported the tasks performed by Duarte with Dual Use funds. In conjunction with a license agreement with AIE for the Patent Application, the Division creatively used the three-way CRADA to acquire funds and business development support to assure the success of the commercialization effort.

Funding from the Slater Center to the Division allowed Mr. Duarte to refine the digital enhancement technology for digital mammograms.

Advanced Image Enhancement, Inc., (AIE) is currently commercializing the technology to make it available to medical facilities.

In the short term Digital Image

Enhancement holds great promise for early detection of breast cancer, and this technology will also benefit all aspects of radiology, serving an even larger portion of the general public in the future.

Transferring the digital enhancement technology from the Navy to the medical community represents significant cost savings in development costs, and eventually, will be responsible for saving many lives.

Follow-on work by AIE will address the use of the image enhancement in all areas of radiological images. The Division is working with the Slater Center to identify other technology transfer projects that would benefit the State of Rhode Island by producing new jobs and revenue opportunities.

Without Mr. Duarte or Mr. Kasischke, the Navy would not have been successful in transferring this technology. For their efforts, the Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer (FLC) has selected Duarte and Kasischke to receive a 2002 FLC Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer.

The award will be presented at the FLC annual meeting in May in Little Rock, Ark.

MHS robotics team may appear on CBS

MIDDLETOWN — Members of the Middletown High School/Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division, Newport robotics team will be participating in FIRST regional competition this weekend in New York City.

Competition is scheduled for today, Saturday, and Sunday on the campus of Columbia University.

Team organizers for the local team have been notified of a tentative appearance on *CBS Saturday Early Morning News* program. Three Middletown High students will be selected to represent the team and put this year's robot through it paces for the national TV audience.

This is the seventh year that engineers from NUWC have partnered with Middletown High School to design, build, and compete a robot in the FIRST competition.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a non-profit organization that brings together an alliance of business, education, and government organizations through innovative programs to inspire today's youth in the areas of science.

ciation of Underwater Instructors (NAUI) Petty Officer Smith volunteers as a scuba diving instructor in a program for area police, fire and other emergency response personnel. She also uses her diving skills to clean the hulls of sailboats before the start of the Special Olympics Rhode Island sailing regatta program in October.

The daughter of Ken and Laurie Smith of Gendora, Calif., Petty Officer Smith was recently reassigned to SWOS.

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PCU McCampbell is scheduled to leave Bath in May, and join the U.S. Pacific Fleet in August at its commissioning in San Francisco. The ship will be homeported in San Diego.

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